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Ad Hoc Advisory Group on Burundi

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling its resolution 2002/1 of 15 July 2002 on the establishment of an ad hoc advisory group on African countries emerging from conflict, in which the Council decided to consider creating, at the request of any African country emerging from conflict, a limited but flexible and representative ad hoc advisory group at the ambassadorial level, in consultation with all regional groups and the national authorities of the country concerned, drawn from the membership of the Economic and Social Council and its observer States, including representation from the country concerned, and in so doing to take into account the need to include countries that can make a positive contribution to the objectives of such a group,

Recalling also its decision 2002/302 of 4 October 2002, in which the Council decided to entrust the President of the Council with the holding of consultations regarding the modalities for establishing an Ad Hoc Advisory Group on Guinea-Bissau, and its decision 2002/304 of 25 October 2002, in which it established that Group,

Taking note of the letter dated 26 September 2002 from the Permanent Representative of Burundi to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Economic and Social Council,[1] in which the authorities of Burundi requested the Council to set up an ad hoc advisory group on Burundi to study and assess the economic and humanitarian situation in this country, with a view to post-conflict reconstruction, in accordance with Economic and Social Council resolution 2002/1,

Taking note also of the report of the Security Council mission to Central Africa,[2] which visited Burundi from 12 to 14 June 2003, in which the mission expressed its satisfaction as to the peaceful transfer of power in Burundi,

Conscious of the need for providing adequate budgetary and economic support to the transitional Government, given the risk that all gains achieved thus far could collapse if such assistance was not provided immediately,

Urging donor countries to fulfil the commitments they made at the Paris and Geneva conferences on assistance to Burundi, and welcoming the convening of a donor round table organized by the Government of Burundi, in collaboration with the United Nations Development Programme, scheduled for September 2003,

1. *Decides* to establish the Ad Hoc Advisory Group on Burundi;

2. *Also decides* to entrust the President of the Council with the task of holding consultations and making recommendations, within the framework outlined in its resolution 2002/1, on the composition, terms of reference and relevant modalities for the creation of the Group by the end of August 2003 so as to enable it to participate in the donor round table.

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[1] E/2002/86.

[2] S/2003/653.